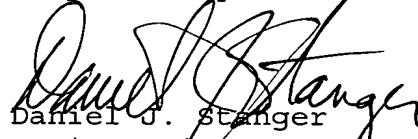


REMARKS

Claims 5-13 have been elected subject to the following traversal.

The restriction is made between invention I, including Claims 1-4 "drawn to a public key decryption method" and invention II, including Claims 5-13 "drawn to tamper-resistant processing methods." However, the Applicants note that all of Claims 1-14 are directed to tamper-resistant processing methods. The tamper-resistant processing method of Claim 1 employs a decryption technique using a secret key x, but remains a tamper-resistant processing method. For this reason, the Applicants believe that all of Claims 1-13 may be examined together.

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